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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE NMHU Ben Lujan Leadership & Policy Institute SB 689

ANALYST Earp

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$75.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to House Bill 742
Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Higher Education Department (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 689 appropriates \$75,000 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico Highlands University (NMHU) for the Ben Lujan Leadership and Public Policy Institute.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$75,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

It is noted that \$95,000 was appropriated for this purpose in Chapter 34, Laws of 2005 (Senate Bill 190). As of the date of this analysis, a portion of this funding is continued in the General Appropriation Act of 2006 (HAFCS/HB2, et al) as an element of an appropriation item for special projects expansion.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

NMHU submitted a funding request of \$500,000 for the institute to the Higher Education Department (HED) for review. However, this proposal was not included in the HED fiscal year 2007 funding recommendations to the Legislature.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

NMHU is administratively responsible for the existing program. No significant additional impact is anticipated if this legislation is adopted.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

This bill is related to House Bill 742 which seeks an appropriation of \$500,000 for the Ben Lujan Leadership and Policy Institute, as well as to an appropriation in the General Appropriation Act discussed above.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

HED provided information indicating that the new Institute's formal opening was in November 2005. In the first year, the Institute was charged with developing the major concepts to govern its work. During its first year, the Institute surpassed expectations by developing the concepts and implementing them. The Institute consists of four components: the Bill Richardson Public Policy Program, the Senator Manny Aragon Public Policy Institute, the Governor Jerry Apodaca Summer Public Policy Institute, and the Samuel O. Montoya Center for Community Service. The Institute should become a vehicle and meeting place where New Mexico helps to grow its next generation of leaders. Funding would help support activities already underway and planned expansion activities under implementation.

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